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§13–601.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the governing body of a county may adopt an ordinance, a resolution, or a regulation or take any other action that the governing body considers necessary to authorize a person to:

- (1) use the person's property to operate a seafood business;
- (2) harvest seafood;
- (3) buy or sell seafood;
- (4) store equipment used in the person's seafood business; and
- (5) enjoy the quiet conduct of the person's seafood business.

(b) (1) Before adopting an ordinance, a resolution, or a regulation under subsection (a) of this section, the governing body of the county shall:

- (i) hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, resolution, or regulation;
- (ii) provide reasonable notice of the hearing; and
- (iii) obtain the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(2) An ordinance, a resolution, or a regulation adopted without the written consent of the Secretary of Natural Resources is void.

(c) In the event of a conflict, federal law, State law, or written program guidance issued by a unit of the federal or State government shall preempt an ordinance, a resolution, or a regulation adopted or any other action taken under this section.

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